

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the 2nd paragraph in p.3 as follows:

The present invention addresses the inadequacies of the prior art by providing a bushing whose stiffness and other performance characteristics can be changed without a need for fabricating a new bushing, just by changing preloading conditions of plurality of nonlinear rubber elements represented by so-called streamlined rubber elements. In this Specification, the term "streamlined rubber element" means radially loaded cylinder of round or elliptical cross section, torus/O-ring, sphere, ellipsoid, ~~and similarly shaped~~ rubber elements demonstrating low stress concentration under compression.